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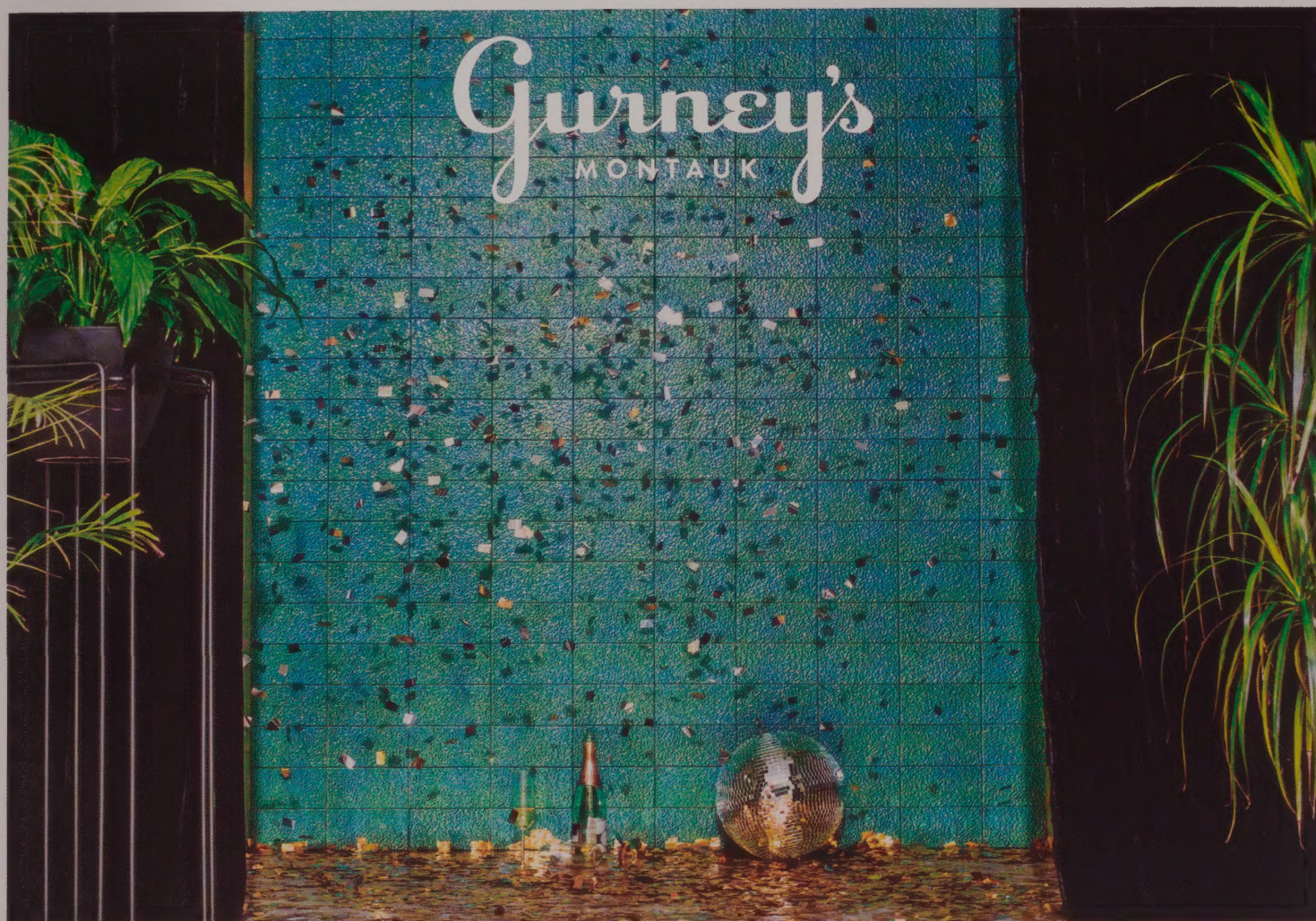
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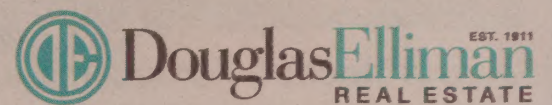
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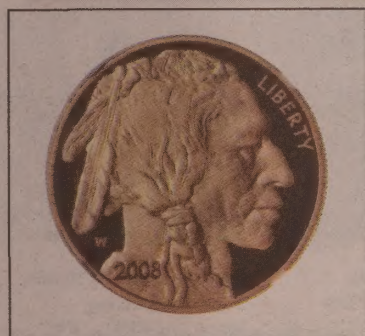
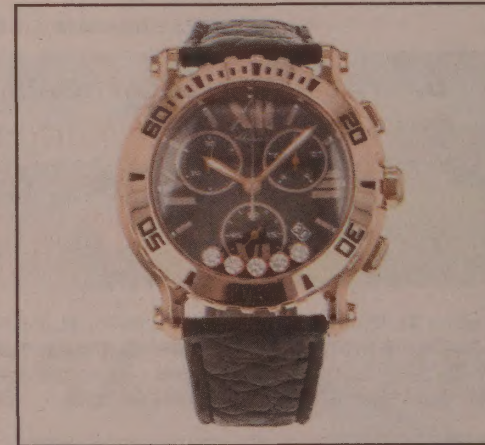


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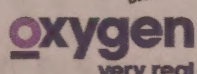
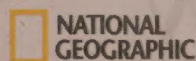
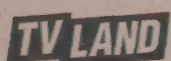
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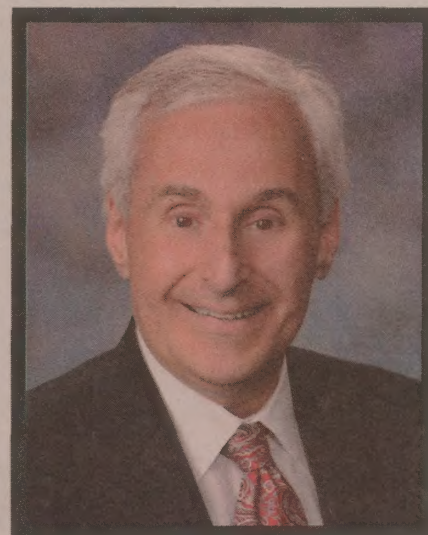


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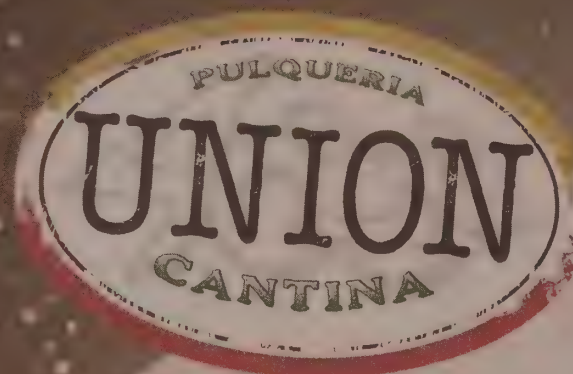
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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6

The annual **Montauk Menorah Lighting** takes place at 4 p.m. and features festive music, tasty donuts and refreshing drinks. *Kirk Park Beach, 95 South Emerson Avenue, Montauk. 631-329-5800, jewishhamptons.com*

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Starting at 3 p.m., the Dickens Carolers will serenade Hampton Bays from the Lyzon Hat Shop to Good Ground Park (9A Squiretown Road). At 4:20 p.m. join the community for the **Christmas Tree and Menorah Lighting**, take a photo with the infamous Grinch and enjoy hot chocolate and cookies. You're encouraged to bring a non-perishable donation for the Heart of the Hamptons food pantry. *631-728-8585, southamptontownny.gov*

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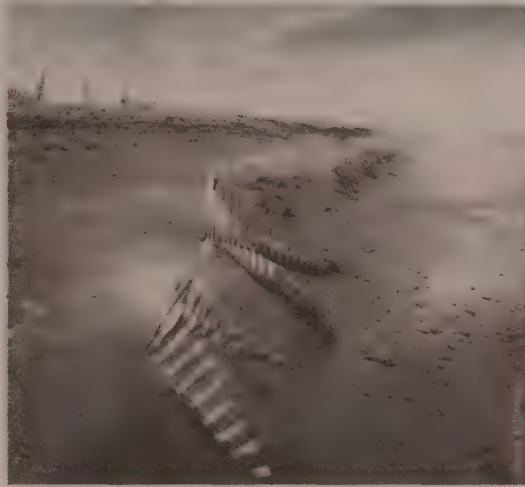
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Red Creek Park Activity Center
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DECEMBER 8, 5 P.M.

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Sag Harbor Whaling & Historical Museum
200 Main Street, Sag Harbor
631-725-0770, sagharborwhalingmuseum.org



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DECEMBER 8, 8 P.M.

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Bay Street Theater
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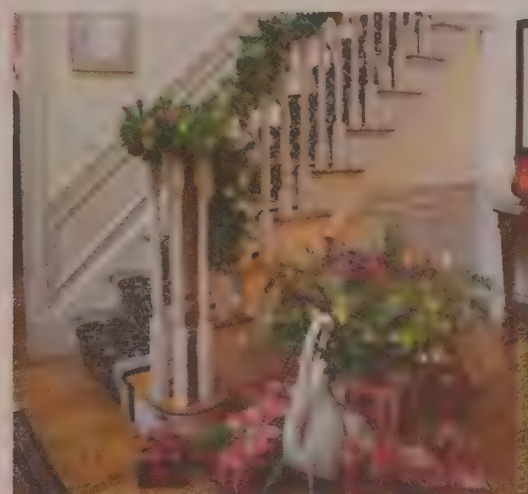
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Suffolk Theater
118 East Main Street, Riverhead
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RMLI Restoration & Visitor's Center
416 Griffing Avenue, Riverhead
631-477-0439, rmli.org



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Hear the voices of South Africa soar in celebration of the holiday season, the late Nelson Mandela and the inspirational power of African Gospel music. Witness the improvised dancing, live percussion, rich harmonies and uplifting performance that have earned this choir two Grammys, an Emmy and many other awards. Tickets are \$44.

Staller Center for the Arts
100 Nicolls Road, Stony Brook
631-632-2787, staller.sunysb.edu



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After 50 years in the biz Montauk designer **Ralph Lauren** is not slowing down one bit. The company anticipates opening a store a week in China in 2019! Speaking of Lauren's world domination, *Quantico* actress **Priyanka Chopra** married singer **Nick Jonas** in India last weekend—and Lauren designed her wedding gown. The project surprised some, as Lauren had previously only designed gowns for his daughter, daughter-in-law and niece, but he and Chopra share a long fashion history. The actress has worn his designs to multiple star-studded events, and she and Jonas attended Ralph Lauren's 50th Anniversary celebration during New York Fashion Week in September.



TORY BURCH

Congratulations, **Tory Burch**! The Southampton fashion designer wed **Pierre-Yves Roussel**, an adviser to LVMH group, last weekend. The happy couple, together since 2014, exchanged vows in Antigua, where Burch has an estate. Guests included **Dennis Basso**, Fire Island's **Michael Kors** and **Renee Rockefeller**, and everyone enjoyed a performance by **Wyclef Jean**.

Some South Fork residents enjoyed an early screening of *Never Look Away*, Germany's 2019 Academy Awards entry, last week. In the audience at East Hampton's Guild Hall were **Gwyneth Paltrow**, **Blythe Danner**, **Alexander Vreeland**, **John** and **Eugenia Radziwill**, **Laurie Anderson** and **Susan Stroman**. The film is loosely based on the life of painter Gerard Richter.

On the small screens: Sag Harbor's **Joy Behar** celebrated 20 years of ABC's *The View* last week and her 20 years as a host—she is the only original host still on the show. Onscreen last Thursday she quipped, "It feels like 40, is that good or bad?" During the on-air tribute, Behar—who read the winning essays at the 2018 Dan's Papers Literary Festival—was honored by **Regis Philbin** and Water Mill's **Alan Alda**, who together revealed her new plaque at New York's Café Fiorello. East Hampton's **Mariska Hargitay** is also celebrating "a big 20"—20 seasons of *Law & Order Special Victims Unit* on NBC. See story on page 38. East Hampton's **Hugh Jackman** appeared on the *Today* show last Thursday to share a special announcement: he's going on tour. In *The Man, The Music, The Show*, Jackman will perform songs from some of his biggest stage and screen hits, including *The Greatest Showman*, *Les Misérables*, *The Boy from Oz* and more. The tour

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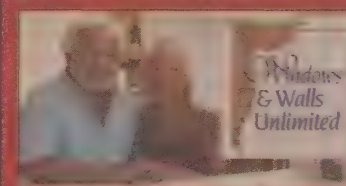
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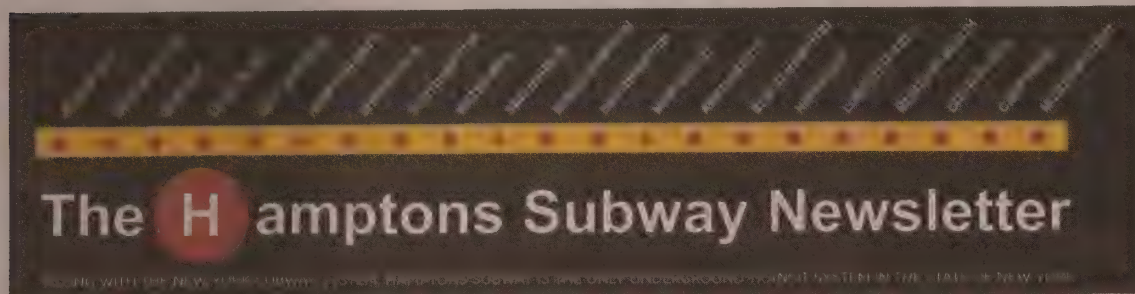
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BY DAN RATTINER

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DOWN IN THE TUBE

Madonna was seen in horseback riding gear traveling from Bridgehampton to Sag Harbor Saturday morning. She was carrying a whip. Howard Stern was spotted riding from Shinnecock to Monument Square in Southampton on Thursday afternoon talking to himself and using the worst curse words, according to our spotter. Jerry Seinfeld was seen on Hamptons Subway traveling from Amagansett to East Hampton drinking a cup of coffee while reading a book about old sports cars.

DOUBLE DECKER SUBWAY CARS

Three years ago, Hamptons Subway, taking a cue from the Long Island Railroad, ordered six new double-decker subway cars to make up a special extra train during rush hour. The cars arrived last week from Canada where they

were manufactured, and on Wednesday night after the system was closed at 2 a.m., they were sent out as a test to see how they would do going from Montauk to Westhampton and back. Unfortunately, they only got a few hundred yards to where the tracks dive down into the tunnel to get through Hither Hills, when they had to turn back. They are too tall for the tunnels. Six feet too tall. We did order them that way and so we have to take responsibility for them. They will be sent back to Canada to be refitted as just the bottom deck, with seven additional cars featuring the top deck made lower. So all is not lost. The tunnel heights should have been measured properly before we ordered the double-deckers. But that job was done by an employee from Belgium who, by mistake, used a metric yardstick. He is now back in Belgium.

NOTICE

Employees and their friends who have been using the second floor cafeteria at the Hamptons Subway building in Hampton Bays every Wednesday night for card games after the cafeteria closes will have to stop. We initially allowed this to go

on as a sort of we're-not-looking perk for the staff to make up for the low salaries we pay, but now we will no longer tolerate it. Food has been eaten. Gambling has been taking place. Alcohol has been served and fistfights have broken out. An employee jumped out of a cake in his/her bathing suit. You know who you are. We won't even mention the drugs. Or the rock and roll.

LUXURY CAR

The eight new luxury cars that we took delivery of last month are now the lead cars on all trains, they're a big hit with riders. One is decked out as a Buddhist Japanese Tea garden ceremony. Another has a 3D movie experience that surrounds you. A third is a replica of the Oval Office at the White House and a fourth is a miniature reproduction of the main lounge aboard the *Queen Mary*. The other four change every week, so it's a surprise. All eight cars have special turnstiles that drop down when the sliding doors open. To board, just swipe your special green laser Subway Card. You will be charged an additional \$5,000 above and beyond the \$2.75 per ride you spent going through the regular turnstiles at the back of the platform. These cars will never bore you. As we say, it's not how fast you get there, but what you experience along the way. Isn't that what they say about life?

COMMISSIONER ASPINALL'S MESSAGE

During this holiday season, try to be especially nice to your fellow passengers. I know that most of you are already nice. So just be more nice. The holiday season ends on January 2. 🐻

Police BLOTTER

COMPILED BY DANIEL KOONTZ

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Police and emergency personnel were called to downtown Sag Harbor at 7:15 p.m. last Thursday after residents reported an agitated man rampaging down Main Street. "The man was shouting in an incoherent manner," says Hamptons Police spokesman Larry Hirsch. "Not only that, but he was severely underdressed for the weather, wearing only shorts and a T-shirt. Clearly, something had snapped inside of him."

Mental health specialists cornered the man in front of the municipal building and were able to subdue him. He was given a blanket to guard against the frigid air and was taken into custody for observation. Authorities are keeping

his identity secret, citing privacy concerns, but did reveal some information in a report issued Friday.

From the report: "The subject was apprehended in a state of agitation and distress, and remained incoherent for several hours. After tranquilizers were administered, specialists were able to speak to the subject about possible causes of his behavior. The subject described a post-Thanksgiving diet of 'nothing but Turkey' for a week. Periodically losing control, the subject talked about turkey sandwiches, hot open-face turkey sandwiches with gravy, turkey soup, turkey tetrazzini, turkey chili and other, more obscure leftover turkey preparations. While the subject allowed that each meal was fine in and of itself, the subject described a growing frustration with continuous consumption of turkey, a frustration that eventually 'boiled over' into the behavior that occasioned our emergency intervention."

Hamptons Police spokesman Hirsch says that his office is making this report public to warn residents of the dangers of over-reliance on turkey for post-Thanksgiving nutrition. "This says nothing against turkey," says Hirsch. "But you've got to break it up a little bit. Don't expect it to tide you over until Christmas!"

BAIT AND SWITCH

Police were called to an open field on Shelter Island on Saturday after hundreds gathered there for an advertised Christmas tree lighting celebration and were subsequently terrified to see a large pine tree engulfed in flames.

"Our officers arrived to a scene of darkness and confusion," says Hamptons Police spokesman Larry Hirsch. "Witnesses tell us that when they arrived the field was almost entirely unlit, and clouds covered up the moon, so they couldn't see what was happening. They had all been lured to the field by posters placed around the island. As they waited for something to happen, their children started getting antsy, but of course the kids refused to leave—they thought they were going to see Santa!"

At around 11:30 p.m., according to witnesses, a person or persons unknown stepped from the woods and without warning used a flamethrower to set a pine tree on fire, then fled on foot into the woods. Police have no further information in the case. 🐻

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East Hampton Santa Parade 2018

The holiday spirit arrived in the Village of East Hampton on Saturday, December 1 for the annual Santa Parade. Spectators lined the streets to enjoy the festive floats and the excitement of seeing Santa in his sleigh. Photographs by Carole Blankman Ginsburg



1. Mrs. Claus and Santa arrive from the North Pole for the Santa Parade
2. Olivia Megginson is all festive smiles with Frosty the Snowman
3. Laurie Edwards enjoying the holiday parade with adorable daughter Aliyah
4. Sebastian's first Santa Parade
5. Reindeer pulling Santa and Mrs. Claus down Newtown Lane
6. All aboard for Santa Parade helpers!
7. The angelic East Hampton Daisy troop
8. Here comes Santa Claus!
9. Parade fans with Mrs. Claus, Santa and East Hampton Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Steve Ringel
10. East Hampton High School friends Colin, Jack, Luc and Drew hoping to inspire the giving spirit for a new turf field



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Santa on the Loose

He Walks Down Main Street Alone and Here's What Happened

DAN IN EAST HAMPTON



BY DAN RATTINER

If you want to do something interesting on a sunny Saturday afternoon in December, dress up as Santa Claus and walk down Main Street from one end of town to the other.

I did that last Saturday in East Hampton. I had been the Santa in the big parade that morning, so I had a reason to do it. Myself and Mrs. Claus, who I met there, had waved to the crowds from atop a sleigh, the last float in the parade. After that, I had spent time in the Eileen Fisher store on Newtown Lane, sitting in a comfortable chair while little kids were told one by one to see me and either backed away, terrified, and so never did it, or came rushing forward to hug me, then leap into my lap to whisper what they wanted for Christmas. Everybody got a candy cane. Now that was over. And it was time to walk back to my car and go home.

The thing was that my car was parked at the other end of town, in back of the East Hampton Presbyterian Church, where the parade—elves,

reindeer, sleigh, Santa's train, floats, bands, old tractors, etc.—had mustered up before stepping off down Main Street. And I was just too tired from my duties at this point to enter an Eileen Fisher dressing room and take off my Santa suit.

It's a beautiful, sunny day, temperatures in the 40s. The church is maybe half a mile away. Let's see what happens if Santa walks through town. You think East Hampton is too sophisticated? Wait till you read this.

First of all, this is a really first-class Santa suit. Boots, gloves, black belt, white fur and red coat, white beard and long white hair. Red cap with a white puffball on the top. I paid \$350 for it. Next you should know that way up top of the sleigh I was sitting in and waving to the crowd earlier that day, there was a machine that blew out fake snow. It was sunny out. But as I left Eileen Fisher, I was dripping with some of it. Nevertheless, people looked me over on the sidewalk and, as I expected, they paid me no never mind.

I got to the corner and pressed the WALK

button. The light was against me but I thought to walk anyway, because nobody is going to mow down Santa Claus. But I banished that thought. A station wagon full of teenagers stopped at the light. "Hi Santa!" one of them shouted. I smiled through my beard and waved. "It's HIM," one of them said, bouncing up and down.

On Main Street, I passed Starbucks and Book Hampton without incident. But then I was accosted by a man of about 50, wearing a vest, jeans and a backpack. He had a camera.



"You live around here?" he asked.

"No. I live at the North Pole."

"I lived here 40 years," he said. "I've had it. It's the land of 'No.' No parking, no left turns. I left three years ago. Can I take your picture?"

"Sure," I said.

"They just passed a law in this town that there's no smoking anywhere. Can you believe it? Can't even smoke on the public streets." He took out a cigar wrapped in clear plastic and began to open it.

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"I want to take your picture smoking this cigar while looking suspiciously this way and that. I want to sell it to the *New York Post*. Headline: 'Ho Ho No Smoking.' Right on the front page."

"Sure," I said. "You work for the *Post*?"

"I'll light it for you," he said, doing exactly that and taking a few puffs. He coughed on the smoke. "I hope I don't get arrested. Now stand behind that little Christmas tree on the sidewalk under the Ralph Lauren sign, take a puff of the cigar and look out as if you hope nobody will arrest you."

He handed me the cigar and I did that. No ordinance inspector appeared. I did worry my beard would catch fire, but it didn't.

"Thanks," he said.

I recognized him. But he had no idea who I was. I've lived here longer.

I walked on. A shop girl jumped out of the Blue Mercury cosmetics store and asked if I would come in so they could take a picture of me with the staff. I went. Inside, there were four young women and they had me in the middle with two on each side, arms over shoulders, facing the *Post* photographer, who had followed me in. We were in front of a case of lipsticks.

Each of the four women wanted a picture on their phone of themselves with Santa. So we did that. The phones were passed around one by one.

I continued on without the photographer. Arriving at the pedestrian crossing, a man of about 60, wearing a leather jacket and fancy Italian shoes, came over.

"You have a wife?" he asked.

"I do," I said. "Mrs. Santa is home preparing dinner."

"My wife went into one of these stores an hour ago and hasn't come out. She accidentally left her phone with me when she went in. I can't find her."

I pressed the button and the crossing lights began blinking. "She'll turn up," I said. "Not to worry. Merry Christmas." I stepped in to cross the street.



Santa appreciates a good ride.

In the middle of the crosswalk, my cell phone rang. I fished it out of my Santa coat pocket. It was Steve Ringel, head of the East Hampton Chamber of Commerce.

"I see you there," he said. "We are having the town tree lighting ceremony on the front lawn of the Maidstone at 4 p.m. And our Santa called to say she can't make it. Could you?"

"Sure," I said. "But I want time-and-a-half."

"Okay."

I stepped onto the curb and began walking down Davids Lane a hundred yards to where my car was parked behind the big white Presbyterian Church there, and as I walked down the sidewalk, a green pickup truck stopped beside me and a workman rolled down the window, smiled and said something. But I couldn't make it out.

"What?"

He repeated it. It was in Spanish, which I do not understand. And he waved. So I waved back.

"*Feliz Navidad* to you, too," I said.

They drove off happily.

After that, I got into my car, swept my white beard away so I could see the dashboard, opened the door briefly to brush the latest fake snow that had dripped off me out, started the car and drove up Three Mile Harbor toward home.

Just enough time for some hot chowder, a nap and a little time to head off to my second gig.

See? In life, one gig can easily lead to another, you just have to put yourself out there.

That's what happens when Santa walks to the other end of Main Street in East Hampton on a sunny Saturday early afternoon in December. 🍷



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That Building

Home to Tavern to Gas Station to Beverage Distributor to Medical Offices

BY DAN RATTINER

This story was supposed to be titled “Won’t Somebody Please Rent This Building?” The building in question is on the corner of the center of town next to Starbucks in downtown Bridgehampton, an absolutely perfect reproduction of a classic Greek Revival 19th century private mansion, now completed and available for commercial use. It’s been on the market for two years, and every time I would go by it I’d ache for it to be rented. I was involved in the design of it. And I hated the idea that I might have helped make it so beautiful and classic that it was, perhaps, un-rentable.

But now, it turns out, this building is in the process of being rented to a medical company called NYU Medical. It is intended to become doctors offices, and an application for this has been approved by the Town, according to Claire Shea of the Planning Department. Detailed interior plans are currently being drafted.

I am thrilled to hear about this.

My interest in the property goes back to the days when I first set up the Dan’s Papers office at the western end of Main Street in 1968. What was on the eastern end of Main Street at that time was architecturally just awful. Though it had not always been thus.

Earlier, when the 20th century began in Bridgehampton, this crossroads at the center of town was the pride of the East End. On the northeast corner was the white three-story Greek Revival mansion of a local judge named Abraham Topping Rose. On the southeast corner was the white three-story Greek Revival mansion of a prominent citizen named Nathaniel Rogers. Both these homes had been built around 1840.

On the northwest corner was Wick’s Tavern, sometimes also called Bull’s Head Tavern, a famous eating and drinking establishment built in 1695 that had been active as a meeting place for patriots during the Revolutionary War. And on the southwest corner was the mustering ground of that war’s Bridgehampton Militia. They saw action in the battle of Fort Ticonderoga. They escorted British prisoners down the Hudson to New York, and what might have been their battle flag, an early American flag, unbeknownst to anyone at that time, was up in a trunk in somebody’s attic in a house nearby.

As if this were not enough history, in 1910, to celebrate the 250th anniversary of Bridgehampton, the community built a grand 20-foot Founders Monument capped with a statue of an eagle spreading its wings, in the very middle of the street. It is there today.

But here’s how far things had fallen at the time I got here in the late 1960s. The descendant of the Topping Rose mansion had rented the place out to a Mrs. Carpenter, who had renamed it, inaccurately, the Bull’s Head Inn. But it was closed and falling apart. The police had arrested the cook for selling drugs out the back door a few years earlier. And now there were plans to rent out the front lawn for a gas station.

The descendants of the Nathaniel Rogers



From top: coming medical offices; Nathaniel Rogers House; Topping Rose House

mansion across the street had sold it to a man named Hopping, who lived in it but had also let the building fall into disrepair, and, to make ends meet, had rented out the front lawn. On it, in front of the beautiful old white columns of this place, was a gas station. If the proposal across the street at the Topping Rose House had gone

through, there would have been two gas stations facing each other on the front lawns of two beautiful mansions.

Also, on the northwest corner, there was another gas station. The Wick’s Tavern had been torn down in 1941 and replaced with a gas station. A historic marker was in front of the gas

station announcing it had once been the location of the Wick's Tavern.

And on the fourth corner, the strip of the Bridgehampton Militia's mustering ground had been bought up and turned into a row of shops. The building was white stucco and fairly attractive. It might be something you'd see in Palm Beach. But the mustering ground was now out back where nobody could see it.

I observed, as did many others in those years, that both East Hampton and Southampton were as beautiful as they had ever been since their founding in 1648 and 1640, respectively. But Bridgehampton, from an architectural perspective, was a disaster facing out at the Founders Monument.

Since that time, the existence of the early American flag used by the militia was found in that attic, brought to a museum in Riverhead and put behind glass in a display case there. The plan for the gas station to be built on the front lawn of the Rose House was withdrawn. And the Rose House was restored as the Topping Rose House, a stunning hotel and restaurant.

Across the street, the Nathaniel Rogers House was bought by the town, the gas station bulldozed down to be replaced with a lawn, and the building is now going through renovation to become the new Bridgehampton Historical Museum. On the southwest corner, the row of white stucco stores remains, attractive anyway, and a sign of the commercial nature of the town. But behind it, on a half-acre, they've turned the mustering



Circa 1920s building on southwest corner in Bridgehampton's center

ground into a little park called Militia Park. You can go back there and contemplate that war on park benches.

As for the corner where Wick's Tavern had been, the gas station went out of business to become, for a while, a beverage distribution business in a gas station, which in turn had been bought by a developer named Len Ackerman, who tore that down, leveled the land and hoped to make it a row of retail shops. A plan showed a very unremarkable brick building. But it had not been approved yet.

And at that point, I thought this as a wonderful opportunity. The row of stores was white. The

two mansions, both three stories high, were white. Why not build a third white mansion where the Wick's Tavern had once been, in the same style as the other two? A center of town with four white buildings on each corner, three of them historic old Greek Revival mansions, now wouldn't that be a real treat for the eye?

I spoke to Len Ackerman to suggest he have his architect redesign the building to look very similar to the other two white mansions facing out on the Founders Monument. And he did that. It still hadn't been built, but it was now approved and CVS soon became interested in making it a pharmacy there. On the other hand, there was a lot of objection to CVS. People holding signs had demonstrated in front of that property against CVS. There was limited parking in the back, yet this would be a high-volume establishment.

Where would these crowds of people park? CVS eventually withdrew, but what happened next was that the stunning white three-story mansion, with all its approvals, got built. A For Rent sign was put out front. But nobody rented it. I'd drive by it. It remained unrented for two years. Wouldn't somebody please rent this building?

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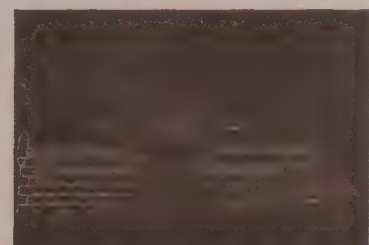
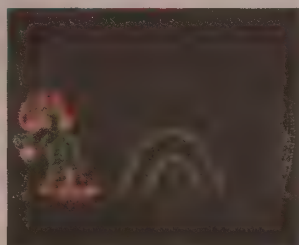
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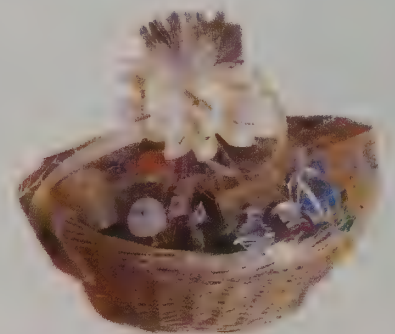


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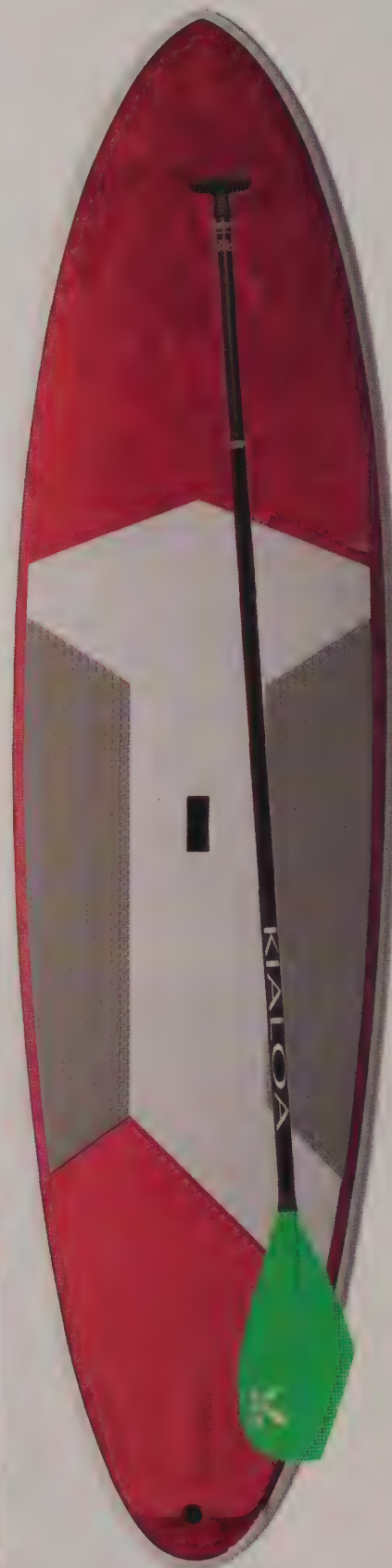
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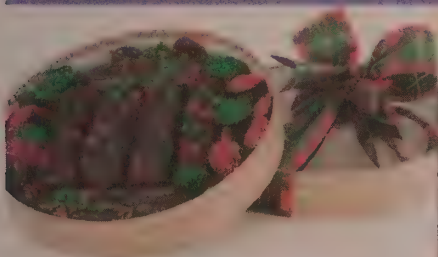
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Stargazer

The Complete Story of Who Built It and Why



BY DAN RATTINER

Driving east down Manorville's County Road 111 after a long drive out to eastern Long Island, you approach the 50-foot-tall deep red sculpture *Stargazer* standing in an undeveloped field on the eastern side of the road. Its design is obvious. An enormous abstract deer is straining skyward, its mouth open and its eyes gazing at what it is trying to reach—an antler, or perhaps group of tree branches it wants to feed on. It was intended as a soaring tribute to nature and the environment on the one hand and the uplifting hopes of mankind on the other—so said its maker, sculptor Linda Scott, at the time it was built.

Since its construction nearly 30 years ago, it has come to symbolize your arrival in the Hamptons, the place where your eager ride out to the Hamptons ends and your official drive along the 60-mile stretch out to the Montauk Lighthouse begins.

It's a time to turn to the kids in the backseat.

"We're now entering the Hamptons," you tell them with a smile. Millions of carloads of people have passed this enormous sculpture in the last 30 years. But not many people know the story of how it was made and why it was put there.

Indeed, it was not originally intended to be there.

One afternoon in the summer of 1990, Dan's Papers got a frantic phone call from a woman named Linda Scott. She told me the authorities were taking down this big sculpture she had

designed and built out on Daniels Hole Road in East Hampton, near the airport there.

"The Town says I can't have it here," she told me. "They are issuing me a summons. And they are demanding it be removed. I was commissioned to put this sculpture here. Can't you do something?"

I made some phone calls to the police and to the Town of East Hampton. But they got me nowhere.

"What's the problem?" I asked the police. I didn't even know what I was talking about.

"It's 50 feet tall. It is interfering with the arrival of airplanes at East Hampton airport. It distracts the pilots."

Her work has made a considerable impact on the world of the East End. She had a chance to see that before she left us.

I later met with Linda Scott, an attractive, blond, determined woman. The sculpture was down. Taken away.

"I have pictures!!" she said. She showed me. "I was hired to build this at the entry drive to the Animal Rescue Fund. It's a deer. It stands on two sets of legs and overarches the driveway. It has to be that way so big garbage trucks can drive up and back. I don't know what else to do."

I told her I thought her sculpture was beautiful.

I told her it was a shame they did that. I told her there was nothing I could do.

"Can you find me another place to put it?" she asked.

I told her I had no idea where she could do that. But I would certainly write about what had happened, and ask others to help, which I did. Keep in touch, I told her.

And it turned out she did find a place for it. There was a farmer in Manorville who owned a 100-acre sod farm by the side of Route 111, just north of where it meets up with the Sunrise Highway. The farm came right up to the eastern side of the road. He would be happy to have the *Stargazer* there if that's where she would like to put it. Perhaps he thought it would call attention to his beautiful sod farm. Perhaps he just liked this crazy woman and wanted to help her. It is there today.

Every few years since then, *Stargazer* gets vandalized. Spray paint has been put on her. Holes have been punched through her close to the ground. The owners of a lumberyard donated paint so volunteers could over-paint the spray paint. Building contractors donated their time to repair the holes in it. *Stargazer* is made of a steel frame reinforced with wood posts and covered with plywood, stucco and paint. It has stood the test of time.

About 10 years after *Stargazer* went up, Linda Scott came by the office to show me little pieces of jewelry shaped like *Stargazer*. She wanted to have *Stargazer* or other statues of peace erected in cities around the world, and she wanted to

David Morris arranges to fix up the sculpture. Hampton Jitney helped pay for repairs for a while. Now EasyKnock is its sponsor.

sell her *Stargazer* jewelry. She was collaborating with architects Young and Wright and Richard Roth, she said. I wrote an article about that, encouraging people to contact her. I wrote further articles about *Stargazer*.

Four years ago, Linda came by to thank me for all I had done for her. I told her she was a good story and I would have done it anyway, but she just wanted me to know how much she appreciated what I had done.

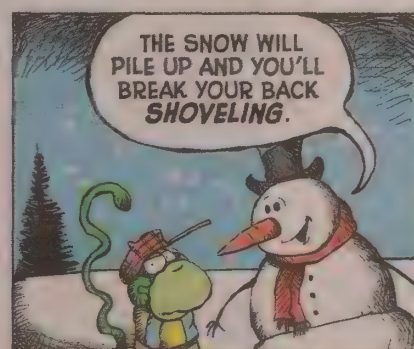
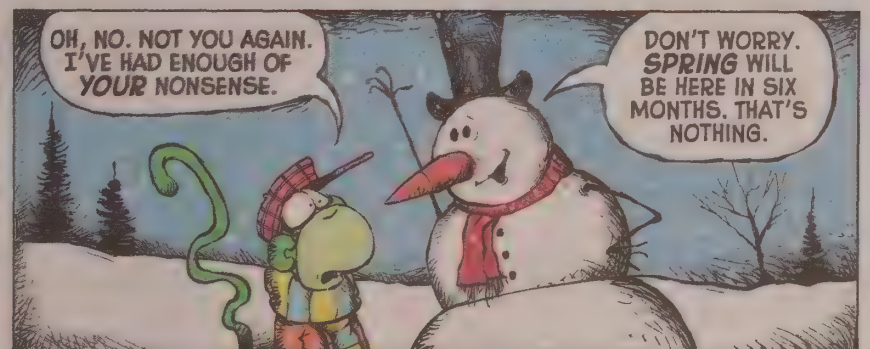
A year later, Linda Scott died of cancer. She'd had it for nearly a year and a half and had not bothered anyone about it. She just had a lot of people to thank.

Her work has made a considerable impact on the world of the East End. She had a chance to see that before she left us.

So here it is, a piece of monumental sculpture in the wrong place at the right time and a study of the insensitivity of bureaucrats and the appreciation of a farmer nearby. Her former partner David Morris, who originally helped build *Stargazer*, arranges to fix up the sculpture when she gets damaged or vandalized and is doing a good job. Hampton Jitney helped pay for repairs for a while. Now EasyKnock is its sponsor. If you want to donate, visit LindaScott.org. 🐼

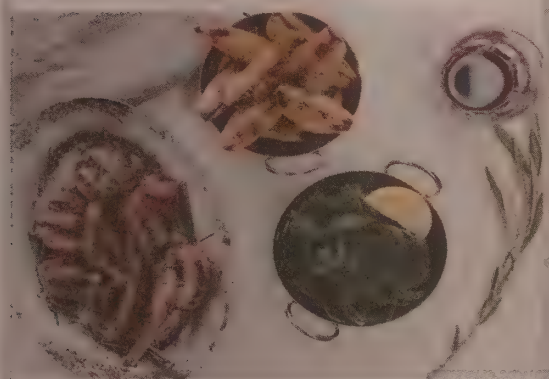


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kicks off in Hamburg, Germany on May 13, and will travel to 22 cities in the United States. Amagansett's **Alec Baldwin** reprised his role as **President Donald Trump** on *Saturday Night Live* last weekend. In his second *SNL* appearance this season, Baldwin's Trump made a call to **Ben Stiller's Michael Cohen** and was visited by **Beck Bennett's Vladimir Putin** and **Fred Armisen's Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman**. The skit ended with an ensemble parody of "Don't Cry for Me, Argentina."

Filmmaker and local Douglas Elliman real estate broker **Raphael Avigdor's** film *The Road Movie* is currently under consideration for a National Film and Television Award, this voting functions as a precursor to deciding which films will be nominated for Oscar consideration. It's competing in the Best Documentary category. His film *The Man Who Saved the World* recently won a Danish Academy Award.

This week *Dan's Papers* celebrates our annual **Michael Paraskevas** holiday cover, which marks 30 years of Paraskevas's work with us. This painting is a celebration of his in-laws and their shared memories. **Priscilla**, seated in the car, will be 87 years young on January 2. The memory of Arthur, who has passed, still remains a strong presence in his family. Don't forget, you can get a copy of Paraskevas's new book, *A Big Slice of Pie*, exclusively at Nettie's Country Bakery in Center Moriches.

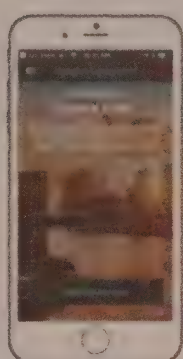
Foodie bites: Last Sunday at Townline BBQ in Sagaponack, Danish model **Nina Agdal** played darts in the bar while **Ed Burns** and **Christy Turlington** dined together in the restaurant area. Burger Bar is coming to Southampton next month! Channing Daughters Winery in Bridgehampton opened their new building with a Holiday Cocktail Celebration on December 1. The North Fork's Peconic Escargot was featured in an episode of PBS's *Tastemakers* last week. *Bon appétit!*

The "friends" performing in the January, 2019 Bay Street Theater & Dan's Papers Fireside Sessions with **Nancy Atlas** and Friends include: piano master **Henry Haid** of Broadway's *Movin' Out* with **George Cortez** on sax; tornadic violinist **Randi Fishenfeld**; Rockabilly's **Eugene Chrysler** and **Gene Casey**; keyboardists **Jonny Rosch** and **Danny Keane**. Comedian **Rob Schneider** is coming to the Suffolk Theater in Riverhead on Friday, January 18!

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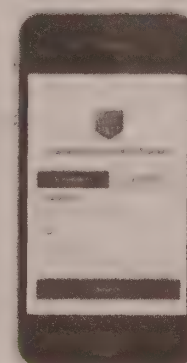


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BY LEE MEYER

Happy holidays, Hamptonites! I'm back with more East Hampton pop culture gossip after some time away. Did you know that Sag Harbor's Joy Behar recently celebrated 20 years on ABC's daytime talk show *The View*? That's a pretty big deal. Behar has been with the show since the very beginning (she took a brief break in 2014), and has seen a lot of change on the often-controversial series. The staunchly liberal co-host is known for doling out frank, no-nonsense opinions and her popular phrase, "So what? Who cares?" Behar famously walked offstage during a heated confrontation with guest and fellow East Ender Bill O'Reilly, who she believed made anti-Muslim comments on the show. Behar has also locked horns with conservative personality Ann Coulter, disagreed with former co-host Elisabeth Hasselbeck on just about everything and recently responded to musician Kid Rock calling her a "bitch" on Fox News by saying, "This bitch and these bitches will be happy to have you on the show and have a beer." But Behar's not all controversy. She's also a strong supporter of LGBTQIA issues, a talented comedienne, the author of five books and she both participated in the spirited pre-awards discussion and read the winning essay during the Dan's Papers 2018 Literary Festival. Here's to another 20 years of being outrageous and awesome, Ms. Behar!

Behar isn't the only East Ender celebrating a 20-year anniversary. East Hampton's Mariska Hargitay is currently in her 20th season of NBC's

crime drama *Law & Order: Special Victims Unit*. The daughter of bodybuilder Mickey Hargitay and actress Jayne Mansfield, Hargitay is synonymous with the popular series, having won a Golden Globe and an Emmy playing Detective (and now Lieutenant) Olivia Benson since the show's inception. It's not the lightest show—Hargitay's Benson leads a team of NYPD detectives who specialize in sex crimes—and it's often tough to watch, but Hargitay's Benson is a strong, reassuring presence and anchors the show with a sense of morality and right. Benson has been through it all: she's dealt with her alcoholic and abusive mother, learned she has a half-brother, been kidnapped by serial killer/rapist William Lewis, been held hostage and she has adopted a little boy. Over the years, Hargitay has become a real-life advocate for survivors of sexual assault, having started the Joyful Heart Foundation.

In other news, Showtime's Montauk drama *The Affair* is returning for its fifth and final season in 2019. The series will continue the ongoing story of Noah Solloway (played by Dominic West), whose affair with Alison (Ruth Wilson) began a series of events that changed the lives of Noah's wife, Helen (Maura Tierney), Alison's husband, Cole (Joshua Jackson), and many others. The last season will bring about myriad changes; Wilson will not return as Alison, as her character was murdered at the end of the fourth season. Jackson will not return in a regular capacity, either. Anna Paquin has joined the cast as Joanie, the grown daughter of Alison and Cole, in a story that jumps ahead at least 20 years as Joanie



Actress and advocate Mariska Hargitay

returns to a climate change-ravaged Montauk to learn the truth behind her mother's death. Sounds exciting, no?

Congrats to Behar and Hargitay on their anniversaries, and to Paquin for landing the plum role on *The Affair*. Here's to an interesting new year on the East End! 🍷

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Meet Middle-Aged Comedian Paul Anthony, Onstage and Off

“The number one rule of comedy is to know your audience,” Standup comedian Paul Anthony certainly knows his. A jovial, friendly man always looking for an opportunity to make people laugh, Anthony (who was recently hired at Bay Street Theater in Sag Harbor as sales and sponsorship manager) is very serious when it comes to his company, Long Island Comedy, which has been delighting audiences for 13 years.

Anthony, who was born in Queens and moved to Massapequa after getting married, started his career as a salesperson in the radio industry, working for stations like WALK 97.5. “Being in sales, I used to go out and do presentations for clients, and part of my sales pitch and my presentation was always to try and make people laugh and incorporate humor into my presentations,” he says. “It evolved into me going into the city. I started doing stand up and haven’t looked back.” Eventually, Anthony started Long Island Comedy.

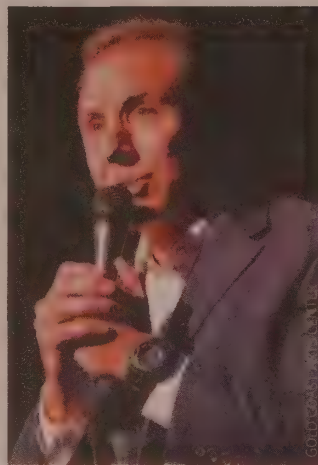
“The concept was exactly what it sounds like,” Anthony explains. “I said, ‘You know what, there are comedy festivals in every major city around the country—Boston, Los Angeles, New York City—but never on Long Island.’ So we threw it out there and got a fantastic response. The concept was to bring a whole different litany of comedians of different levels. You had your established comedians from late-night TV or top venues, but you also had up-and-coming comedians out of New York. That’s where a lot of comedians tend to gravitate to the tri-state area. That’s where we started.”

Since then, the Long Island Comedy Festival has played in theaters all over Long Island and grown to include other shows, such as the 50+ Comedy Tour, which features somewhat older comedians, and

New Year’s Laughin’ Eve. Long Island Comedy is unique in that all the shows under its umbrella are performed in theaters, not comedy clubs. “Being in a theater environment is very different than sitting in a comedy club,” Anthony says. “It’s a much more focused approach to a show. People appreciate it. We tend to draw a slightly older demographic to the shows because that’s who’s more inclined to go to a theater venue. They’re not interested in nachos and a two-drink minimum.”

Long Island Comedy has adapted the “comedy showcase” format for its shows. Rather than an opening act and a headliner, Anthony’s shows feature four or five different comedians who get equal time to make the crowd laugh. “They do a shorter amount of time each, but when you come out to a show you’re going to see four or five comedians and the law of averages tells me that the audience will love at least three of them,” Anthony notes.

With a stable of talent, Anthony has developed a comic community on Long Island. “The comedians that we work with come from all over the country. When we first started, most of the comedians were from Long Island, then New York City. It’s a very tight community...every comedian we work with wants to help and support [one another]. It’s not really a competition; it’s more of a brother- and sisterhood. And so a lot of times at shows, I encourage new comedians to get there early and don’t just do their set and leave,



ANTHONY IN PERFORMANCE

but hang out and just network with the other comedians.”

Of course, Anthony does more than just coordinate and produce shows. As a comedian himself, he’s constantly creating new material for his sets. Anthony considers his comedy to be “observational,” often mining gold from his own life. “You’re supposed to be able to establish who you are onstage. I’m the middle-aged white guy who’s a little angry, sometimes out of touch,” he laughs.

Anthony is certainly not “out of touch” offstage. He has found that often audiences don’t want to hear about certain topics, like politics. “People who are coming to our shows, half the time they don’t know who’s

on the show, they just know they’re going to have a good time. They’re trying to escape Fox, CNN, and [uncomfortable] conversations with their neighbors. They are here for an hour-and-a-half to forget about some of that,” he says.

East End audiences can check out Long Island Comedy this New Year’s Eve, at Theatre Three in Port Jefferson or at Suffolk Theater in Riverhead. Anthony thinks that audiences will have a blast as they ring in 2019 with a lot of laughs. 🎭

BY LEE MEYER

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Lila Gabbard, the 11-year-old local dancer who plays Clara in the Hampton Ballet Theatre School's production, is excited for audiences to experience *The Nutcracker*.

What's your favorite part of this show? When Clara gets the nutcracker as a present from Drosselmeyer. Then Fritz tries to take it away and accidentally breaks it but with Drosselmeyer's magical powers he brings the nutcracker to life!

What part of the Nutcracker story is definitely true?

The party scene, it's true because the ballet takes place in the wintertime so they are having a Christmas party. At the Christmas party everyone is wearing their best gowns then the kids do a dance and after the kids dance, the parents dance—it's a lot of fun!

What role do you hope to perform next year? One role I hope to perform next year is snow. I think

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HBTS'S LILA GABBARD AS CLARA

that it takes a lot of hard work to be in snow and the finished product is absolutely beautiful and I really want to be a part of such a wonderful thing.

What would you like to tell other kids before they see *The Nutcracker* for the first time? It's really an amazing ballet that has a lot of amazing dancers, and it's a really fun story, and I hope they love it just as much as I do.

The Hampton Ballet Theatre School presents Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker at Guild Hall

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Elaia Estiatorio Is All Greek and All

I was reluctant to review Elaia Estiatorio in Bridgehampton because it's one of my East End go-tos when it comes to dinner out, especially for intimate parties.

This authentic Greek eatery in the heart of the Hamptons opened in 2017. It was instantly popular with the summer crowd. Do I really want to invite more strangers along for the ride? Is it a crime to try to keep it to myself? If so, I'm guilty as charged. But when I watched our server happily dancing to the Greek music before and after he delivered delicious dishes to our table last week, I caved—it's not right to try to horde the good stuff. As the Greeks say, "Slowly, slowly the sour grape becomes honey."

Elaia (pronounced "alayah") delivers the real deal main-event dishes, but it's the attention to detail that first won me over. Every little thing—real flowers, real candles, real quality ingredients, especially the olive oils and cheeses—is perfect. Their daily sourcing of meats (free-range, organic chicken, grass-fed beef and lamb), fish and produce is how we should all live: freshly. I've become spoiled by the high standards—I've come to expect them. What I can't seem to anticipate is just how much I eat every time I go there!

It starts with the fine service from a staff that's not just willing but excited to explain all of the menu items and to share their personal favorites. They want me to overindulge in selections that merge some of the best traditional dishes from across Greece. *Opa!*

Meals begin with big, yeasty slices of bread served with yogurt, oregano olive oil, sea salt and The. Best. Olives. Ever. And—*fysiká*—fine Greek wines.

Of course my husband and I ordered a three-dip *ménage* to open the gustatory proceedings—"goo"

is my fave, especially when served with crisps. I could eat this incarnation all day, particularly the *melitzanosalata* made with roasted, smoky eggplant, garlic, parsley and vinegar. It's so balanced, I'm pretty sure one could live on it alone, but you'll also want some of the bright orange *htipiti*—rich, whipped feta well met with roasted chile that kicks up the heat a notch. The "fava" of yellow split pea purée, red onions and capers reminds one of hummus—so healthful.

We also shared an order of the lightly battered, tender *kalamari*. It's served so hot, our server warned us to be careful. A squeeze of lemon allowed the subtle taste of the sea to shine through.

Husband indulged in a special: the black sea bass pan-seared with bay scallops served over gigante beans in a tomato sauce and topped with microgreens. He defined the dish as "perfect" and "amazing." And, in the truest testament to our loving marriage, he gave me one of the scallops to enjoy. Wow, the chef who prepared our entrées clearly performed some form of Greek magic to intensify the natural sweetness of the scallop. He did right by my chicken too—the *Kotopoulo Souvlaki* is hereby nominated as the world's best chicken-on-a-stick. Skewered and grilled with peppers and onions, this herb-marinated chicken was tender and moist.

The only "downside" to Elaia Estiatorio? Their house



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fries and their *tzatziki* are IRRESISTIBLE! So I was left with no room for my standard dessert of *karidopita*—walnut cake with honey syrup. Though I was a little tempted by the orange custard in phyllo dough...next time, next time.

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This Saturday, December 8, **Heart of the Hamptons** in Southampton will host the annual **Polar Bear Plunge** at Coopers Beach, which raises money to help stock their food pantry's shelves and support programs. In addition to the plunge, Heart of the Hamptons aims to serve others "through consistency and availability of various types of food, so people can subsidize their grocery shopping with our food pantry," according to Director Hilton Crosby. "Money helps the most," Crosby says, noting, "our food pantry has over 500 households registered. When you're in crisis and you live in the area, we'll do our best." Heart of the Hamptons also has a program for the holidays whereby registered Southampton Town residents can get gifts for their families.

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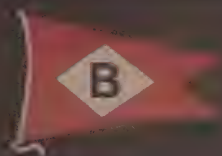
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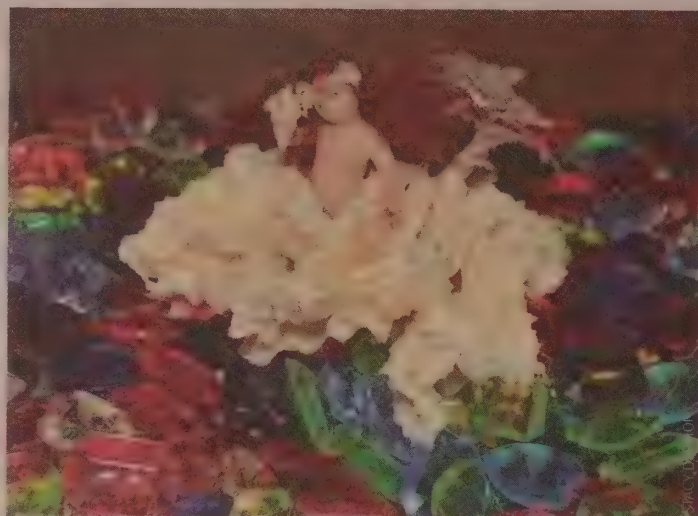
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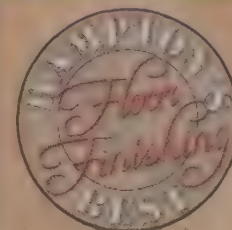
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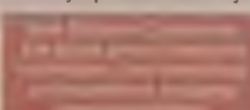
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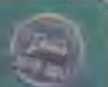
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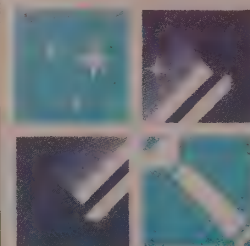
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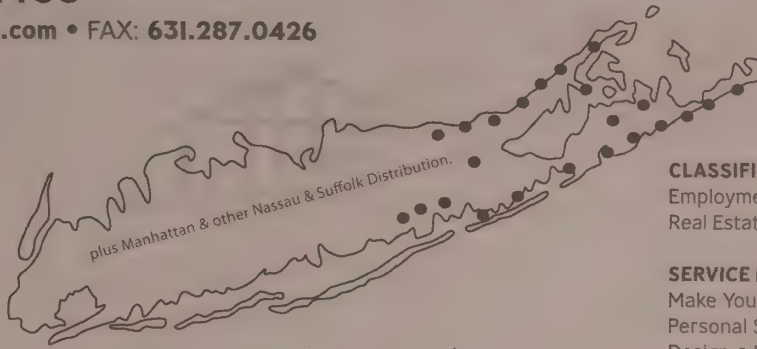
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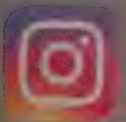
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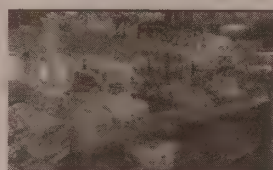
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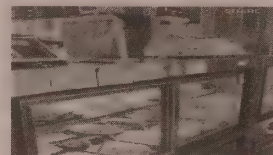
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A lawsuit is not what you see on TV. On TV a lawsuit is won by an attorney marching into court with a grand display of showmanship and a cunning tongue. The TV judge hearing the case makes a spot decision and it's all over and decided before the final commercial break. In reality, a civil litigation takes years and is much more of a chess match than a swordfight. As opposed to this courtroom drama, a real case is typically decided on paper submissions that may be heard months after they are first provided to the court. Additionally, the decision is often made on a technical procedural rule, not on the merits or substance of the litigation.

You see, being right isn't everything in real litigation. Instead, a real lawsuit is all about knowing how to play the game. The following is a summary of the stages of a litigation, but this chess match isn't linear and each of the stages can appear out of order and can even reoccur again and again. So, civil litigants need a skilled advocate who is a master of the game if they want a shot at victory. Here is your game board:

1. Pleadings

a. **Summons and Complaint:** These papers set forth the elements of a claim and cause the defendant to respond to the case or risk default. These papers are first filed with the clerk and then served on the defendant.

b. **Answer:** This is the most important aspect of a case for a defendant. Failing to respond properly to the case will cause a loss no matter if the defendant is right or wrong. To avoid defeat, a defendant must file and serve a responsive document that either admits or denies the plaintiff's allegations while offering affirmative defenses, which are bases for the defendant to win even if plaintiff's allegations are true.

c. **Counterclaims/Cross-Claims:** Both are options for a defendant to include in his / her Answer. Whereas a Counterclaim is a claim by the defendant against the plaintiff, a Cross-Claim is a claim by a defendant against a co-defendant.

d. **Reply:** This is the Answer for the Plaintiff or Co-Defendant who is the recipient of a Counterclaim or Cross-Claim.

e. **Impleader/Third-Party Claims:** The defendant has an opportunity to bring a new party into the lawsuit, who the defendant alleges is responsible/relevant to the plaintiff's claims in the lawsuit and to which the defendant can pursue a claim against.

f. **Bill of Particulars:** This device allows a defendant to demand that a plaintiff amplifies their complaint's allegations with details so that the unknown aspects of the plaintiff's lawsuit can be understood and defended.

2. Discovery

a. **Discovery and Inspection:** Both the plaintiff and defendant can utilize this device to demand documents of one another.

b. **General Demands:** Items such as the existence of insurance, the identification of witnesses and expert witnesses, the demand for party statements and the like can be sought through these demands.

c. **Depositions:** Both parties can conduct recorded interviews of the other, which are designed to flesh out the parties' claims and defenses. This device is also known as an examination before trial and it's typically the most trial-like experience for the parties throughout the entire litigation. Non-parties can also be subpoenaed to testify at a deposition.

d. **Notices to Admit:** Both parties can cause the other to admit certain facts before trial should an issue set for trial not be in dispute and if the issue would be a waste of judicial economy to establish at trial.

3. Motions

a. **Dismissal Motions:** A motion simply means an application to the court and a motion to dismiss is an application that a lawsuit should be thrown out. When the case is started a defendant can seek dismissal for a large number of stated grounds contained in the Civil Practice Laws and Rules. The most common of these grounds are the failure to state a cause of action and the existence of documentary evidence that contravenes the plaintiff's lawsuit. Similarly, a plaintiff can bring an application to dismiss affirmative defenses and counterclaims.

b. **Summary Judgment:** Similar to a motion to dismiss, a summary judgment motion also seeks a final decision on the case. However, unlike a motion to dismiss, a summary judgment motion is brought on the evidence so long as the evidence is not in dispute.

c. **Discovery Motions:** These motions are the most common in litigation as parties don't often fork over what their adversary demands without objection or a motion for a protective order. Similarly, the party seeking disclosure can ask the court to compel production and even issue sanctions for non-compliance.

d. **In Limine Motions:** Some evidence fails the rules of evidence and should not even be considered by the court when it comes to motions or a trial. If a party wants to object to the evidence prior to its introduction (so the jury/court doesn't even hear the evidence when making a determination), then, a party can proactively move to have it precluded through this device.

4. Trial

a. **Jury Trial:** In New York State, there are 6 jurors, 5 of which must make a decision to conclude a trial. These jurors aren't picked per se, but instead excluded based on procedural rules.



b. **Bench Trial:** Equitable issues are always tried by the judge and legal issues may also be tried by the judge at the discretion of the parties. These trials are less rigid to the rules of the courts because judges get what is going on and don't need the handholding that is afforded to the jury.

With an understanding the complexity of the game board, one should now understand that strategy, not showmanship, is the key to winning a civil litigation.

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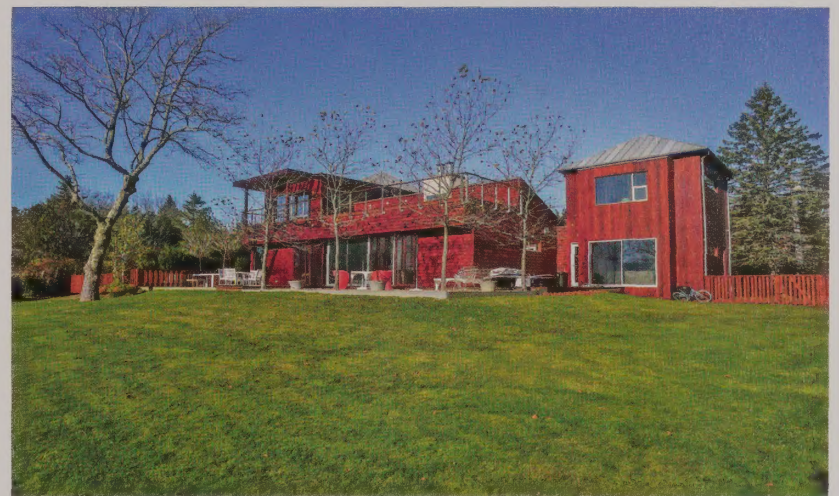
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